

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
EASTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
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Plaintiff,)
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vs.) Case No. 4:21 CR 0155 MTS (SRW)
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BRENT M. LAWSON,)
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Defendant.)

ORDER CONCERNING PRETRIAL MOTIONS

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that forthwith the Government shall give notice to the defendant of its intention to use specific evidence at trial pursuant to Rule 12(b)(4)(B), Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED¹ that forthwith each party may propound to the opposing party, and may file with the court, any request for pretrial disclosure of evidence or information. Not later than March 16, 2021, the parties shall respond to any such requests for pretrial disclosure of evidence or information and may file with the court a copy of any such response. To avoid a proliferation of documents, to the extent practicable, all such requests for disclosure and the responses thereto shall be contained in one request document or in one response document, with each separate item of information or evidence discussed being a subpart of said document.

At the arraignment Defendant's counsel made a motion for additional time to file pretrial motions. Defendant's counsel has not had the opportunity to review discovery nor had time to investigate the evidence nor had an opportunity to discuss it with defendant nor had time to decide whether or not to file pretrial motions. The Court finds that to deny Defendant's motion

¹Any motion for an extension of any of the following deadlines or any request for a continuance of a setting shall include information relevant to findings required by the Speedy Trial Act, specifically, 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h).

for additional time would deny counsel for Defendant the reasonable time necessary for effective investigation and preparation of pretrial motions, taking into account the exercise of due diligence, 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(B)(iv), and that the ends of justice served by granting defendant's motion for additional time outweigh the best interests of the public and Defendant in a speedy trial. 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the time granted by this Order to review discovery and to prepare pretrial motions or a waiver thereof is excluded from computation of the latest date for the trial setting as prescribed by the Speedy Trial Act. *See* 18 U.S.C. 3161(h)(7)(A) and (B)(iv).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that not later than March 23, 2021, the parties must have a discovery conference pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 16.1(a). All motions requesting Court action pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 16.1(b) must be pursued in a diligent and timely manner. The undersigned will not consider motions requesting Court-action pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 16.1(b) filed after the pretrial motion deadline.

***Brady* Warning:** Pursuant to the Due Process Protections Act, the Court confirms the United States' obligation to produce all exculpatory evidence to the defendant pursuant to *Brady v. Maryland*, 373 U.S. 83 (1963) and its progeny, and orders it to do so. Failing to do so in a timely manner may result in consequences, including, but not limited to, exclusion of evidence, adverse jury instructions, dismissal of charges, contempt proceedings, or sanctions by the Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that not later than April 23, 2021, the parties may file any relevant pretrial motion and the parties shall respond to any such motions not later than April 30, 2021.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any pretrial motion seeking a court order for the production of evidence or information from the opposing party, shall contain a statement of

counsel that movant's counsel has personally conferred with counsel for the opposing party about the issue raised in the motion, that there is a good faith belief that the information or evidence exists about which discovery is sought, and that the disclosure of said information or evidence has been refused by the opposing party. Any such motion not having such attestation will not be considered or ruled by the Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any motion to suppress shall set forth, with particularity, the item of evidence to which the motion is addressed and shall set forth specific factual details to support any claim that such evidence was unlawfully obtained. Any motion to suppress not containing such specific information or any motion cast in conclusory or conjectural terms will not be heard or considered by the Court. Each motion to suppress must also include a memorandum of law setting forth the specific legal ground upon which it is contended that any such item of evidence was unlawfully obtained, with citations to authority. Further the practice of adopting motions filed by other defendants will not be permitted without prior leave of the Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any motion with respect to the sufficiency of an indictment or information, including any motion to dismiss, shall set forth specific factual details to support the motion. Any motion with respect to the sufficiency of an indictment or information that is cast in conclusory or conjectural terms will not be heard or considered by the Court. Any such motion must also include a memorandum of law setting forth the specific legal ground supporting the motion.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, if the Defendant chooses not to file any pretrial motions, counsel for the Defendant shall file with the Court, not later than April 23, 2021, a memorandum attesting that there are no issues that the Defendant wishes to raise by way of

pretrial motion; that counsel has personally discussed this matter with the defendant; and that the Defendant agrees and concurs in the decision not to raise any issues by way of pretrial motions.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that an evidentiary hearing on any pretrial motions will be set upon further order of the Court. In the event the Defendant elects not to file any pretrial motions, no evidentiary hearing will be set, and the case may be set for trial by the District Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the trial of this matter will be set following the conclusion of pretrial proceedings.

No extension time of any deadline set in this order will be granted except upon written motion, made before the expiration of the deadline, and upon good cause shown. Failure to timely file motions or requests, or to request an extension of time to do so, may be considered a waiver of the right of a party to make such motions or requests, as set out in Fed. R. Crim. P. 12(c)(3).

/s/ Stephen R. Welby

STEPHEN R. WELBY
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Dated this 9th day of March, 2021.